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SUBJECT: TANZANIA PURCHASES MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM UK

1. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER MERVYN BROWN MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR ON JANUARY 22 THAT UK-TANZANIAN SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WAS BEGINNING TO REDEVELOP. SAID DEAL HAD RECENTLY BEEN MADE FOR DELIVERY IN 1978 OF A DOZEN LATE MODEL BRITISH LIGHT TANKS. COST ABOUT TWO AND ONE-HALF MILLION STERLING. THIS SALE, NOT AID. ARRANGEMENT ENVISIONED EVENTUAL SUPPLY OF THREE SQUADRONS (36) SUCH TANKS.

2. HIGH COMMISSIONER ADDED TANGOV HAD ALSO REQUESTED UK ASSISTANCE FOR TRAINING AND REORGANIZATION POLICE AND ESTABLISHMENT "BRITISH TYPE CID", BUT HMG HAD TO REFUSE BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUNDS AND PERSONNEL. (WE HAVE HEARD ELSEWHERE THAT BRITISH ARE SENDING SENIOR POLICE OFFICIAL TO DO SURVEY FOR REPORT ON POLICE REORGANIZATION.)

3. COMMENT: ASSUME PRESIDENT NYERERE AIMING AT MODEST RE-ADJUSTMENT IN CURRENT HEAVILY COMMUNIST-LEANING BALANCE IN SECURITY RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. BRITISH TANK
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(WHICH WE THINK MAY BE LIGHT, FAST "SCORPION") WOULD BE

USEFUL FOR IMPROVEMENT DEFENSES ALONG NORTHERN, PARTICULARLY
UGNADAN, BORDER AND COULD HAVE GENERAL PARAMILITARY VALUE AS
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